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PATENT

Attorney Docket No.: 36671-744.502

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
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Kenneth F. Buechler)	Group Art Unit: 1641
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Application No.: 10/645,874)	Examiner: Lum, Leon Yun Bon
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Filed: August 20, 2003)	Confirmation No.: 8658
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For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR)	
MEASURING BIOLOGICALLY ACTIVE)	
NATRIURETIC PEPTIDES AND FOR)	
IMPROVING THEIR THERAPEUTIC)	
POTENTIAL)	

REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION AND AMENDMENT

M/S Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir/Madam:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 7, 2009, and the Advisory Action mailed on November 24, 2009, Applicants respectfully request continued examination and reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page **2** of this response.

Remarks begin on page **5** of this response.